GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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OIL BLOCKS OF KRISHNA GODAVARI BASIN
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to take back some of the blocks of Krishna Godavari Basin allotted to Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) and Reliance Industries Ltd. (RIL) for oil exploration;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the estimated quantum of oil and gas reserves available in these blocks;

(d) whether it has been decided to re-tender the said blocks in the next round of oil field auction; and

(e) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) & (b) The Government has not agreed to the proposal of Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) to have a strategic alliance with one foreign company in respect of 3 blocks in Krishna Godavari deepwater namely KG-OS-DW, KG-OS-DW-Extn. and KG-OS-DW-III. The validity of Petroleum Exploration License (PEL) in respect of one of these 3 blocks has already expired while the other 2 blocks are due to expire in January and May, 2007. After the expiry of PEL period, these two blocks would also stand reverted.

Further, due to non-completion of minimum work programme by Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) within the contractual period in respect of 2 blocks namely KG-OSN-97/3 & KG-OSN-97/4, the contracts stand expired and the blocks stand reverted.

(c) Exploration work carried so far has not yielded any hydrocarbon discovery.

(d) & (e) All these relinquished blocks will be offered in the ensuing rounds of NELP upon expiry of their Petroleum Exploration License validity for exploration of oil and gas.